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SUBJECT: MFA COMMUNIQUE CONDEMNS COMMUNIST SEIZURE OF SIX  
DISTRICT TOWNS

1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS TEXT OF MFA COMMUNIQUE OF MARCH 14  
CONDEMNING COMMUNIST SEIZURE OF SIX DISTRICT CAPITALS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: COMMUNIQUE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM ON THE SEIZURE BY THE COMMUNISTS  
OF THUAN-MAN, DUC-LAP, HAU-DUC, TIEN-PHUOC, TRI-TAM AND  
BUON HO DISTRICT TOWNS.

3. PURSUING ITS SERIOUS AND SYSTEMATIC VIOLATIONS OF THE  
PARIS AGREEMENT OF JAN. 27, 1973, OBVIOUSLY WITH A VIEW TO  
CONQUERING SOUTH VIET-NAM BY FORCE, THE COMMUNIST SIDE IS  
LAUNCHING LARGE-SCALE OFFENSIVES TO SEIZE A NUMBER OF DISTRICT  
TOWNS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM.

4. IN PHU-BON PROVINCE, ON MARCH 8, 1975, AT 7:50 A.M.,  
COMMUNIST FORCES MASSIVELY SHELLLED, THEN LAUNCHED HUMAN-  
WAVE ASSAULTS AGAINST THUAN-MAN DISTRICT TOWN. IN SPITE OF  
THE HEROIC RESISTANCE OF THE ARVN GARRISON CHARGED WITH PRO-  
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TECTING THE LOCAL POPULATION, THE ENEMY OVERRAN THE DISTRICT

TOWN AT 11:50 A.M. AT PRESENT, THE FATE OF MORE THAN 20,000 CIVILIAN RESIDENTS OF THUAN-MAN IS STILL UNKNOWN.

5. IN QUANG-DUC PROVINCE, AT 7:10 A.M. ON MARCH 9, 1975, FOLLOWING A BARRAGE OF 10,000 ARTILLERY ROUNDS, A COMMUNIST REGIMENT ATTACKED AND OVERRAN THE DISTRICT TOWN OF DUC-LAP. MEANWHILE, COMMUNIST FORCES ALSO SEIZED DAKSAC, NUI-LUA AND DAKSONG BASE CAMPS LOCATED FROM 5 TO 15 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF DUC-LAP DISTRICT TOWN.

6. IN QUANG-TIN PROVINCE, ON MARCH 10, 1975, AT 11:30 A.M. THE COMMUNISTS MASSIVELY SHELLED, THEN CAPTURED THE DISTRICT TOWN OF HAU-DUC.

7. AGAIN IN QUANG-TIN, ON THE SAME DAY AT 11:25 A.M., THEY LAUNCHED REPEATED ATTACKS AGAINST TIEN-PHUOC DISTRICT TOWN. BY 15:15 P.M. ALL CONTACT WAS REPORTED LOST.

8. ALSO IN QUANG-TIN AND AT THE SAME TIME THE OUTPOST OF SUOI-DA, LOCATED AT 12 KILOMETERS SOUTH-WEST OF TAM-KY DISTRICT TOWN WAS ASSAULTED AND OVERRUN BY THE COMMUNISTS.

9. IN BINH-DUONG PROVINCE, ON MARCH 11, 1975, AT 6:30 A.M., AFTER HEAVY SHELLINGS, COMMUNIST FORCES, SUPPORTED BY TANKS, LAUNCHED SEVERAL WAVES OF ATTACKS AGAINST TRI-TAM DISTRICT TOWN. THE ARVN ARRISON HAS FOUGHT BACK VALIANTLY, INFLECTING DURING THE FIRST HOURS OF BATTLE 60 DEAD ON THE INVADERS, DESTROYING 4 TANKS AND CAPTURING 35 ASSORTED WEAPONS.

10. HOWEVER ON THE NEXT DAY, THE ENEMY PURSUED ITS ATTACKS AND BY 1400 P.M., THE DISTRICT TOWN WAS OVERRUN.

11. IN DARLAC PROVINCE, ON MARCH 12, 1975, AT 8 A.M., THE COMMUNISTS MASSIVELY SHELLED, THEN OVERRAN BY GROUND FORCES BUON-HO DISTRICT TOWN, LOCATED AT 40 KILOMETERS NORTH EAST OF BAN-ME-THUOT CITY.

12. THE ABOVE-MENTIONED BRUTAL ATTACKS OF THE COMMUNISTS HAVE CAUSED GREAT LOSSES IN LIVES AS WELL AS IN PROPERTIES TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS OF THUAN-UNCLASSIFIED

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MAN, HAU-DUC, DUC-LAP, TIEN-PHUOC, TRI-TAM AND BUON-HO DISTRICT TOWNS HAVE HAD TO FLEE THEIR HOMES AND SEEK PROTECTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RVN.

13. MEANWHILE, THE COMMUNIST SEIZURE OF THE DISTRICTS OF THUAN-MAN, DUC-LAP, HAU-DUC, TIEN-PHUOC AND TRI-TAM AND BUON HO DISTRICT TOWNS CONSTITUTES ARROGANT CHALLENGES TO PUBLIC OPINION AT HOME AND ABROAD, TO THE ICCS, AS WELL AS TO THE

SIGNATORIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
VIET-NAM.

14. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RVN STRONGLY DENOUNCES AND  
SEVERELY CONDEMNS THESE ACTS OF WAR ESCALATION OF THE COM-  
MUNIST SIDE WHICH HAVE CAUSED AN EXTREMELY GRAVE SITUATION  
IN SOUTH VIET-NAM.

15. IN FACE OF CONTINUING AND SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS  
AGREEMENT BY THE COMMUNIST SIDE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM IS RESOLUTELY DETERMINED TO RESERVE  
THE RIGHT TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES IN ORDER TO DEFEND  
THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND THE SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF  
SOUTH VIET-NAM.

16. THE COMMUNIST SIDE MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL  
SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES RESULTING FROM ITS POLICY OF VIOLENT  
AGGRESSION. SAIGON, MARCH 14, 1975. END QUOTE  
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